

# 302D BSB Welcome Guide



2011

Iron Horse!

Welcome to the  
302D Brigade  
Support Battalion

# Table of Contents

Welcome to 302D BSB!.....	3
302D BSB Virtual Family Readiness Group Webpage.....	5
302D BSB Mission.....	6
302D BSB History .....	7
302D BSB Names & Numbers.....	10
Arrival in Korea .....	11
Welcome to Korea – Checklist.....	13
Welcome to Camp Casey .....	16
Non-Command Sponsored Tours.....	17
Command Sponsored Tours.....	18
Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) .....	19
SOFA Stamps .....	20
Details, Details, Details .....	21
Medical/Dental Info.....	23
Korean 101 .....	24
Phone Dialing.....	29
References.....	29



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, 302D BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION  
UNIT #15610, APO AP 96224-5610  
CAMP CASEY, SOUTH KOREA



EAID-SC-MD-CO

22 APRIL 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING SOLDIERS

SUBJECT: WELCOME LETTER

1. Welcome to Korea – *The Land of the Morning Calm* – and home to the 302D Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team and the 2nd Infantry Division. The leadership and Soldiers of the Iron Horse Battalion welcome you to our team.
2. The 302D BSB consists of a Headquarters Company (HHC), Distribution Company (A CO), Maintenance Company (B CO), Medical Company (C CO) and four Forward Support Companies (D, E, F, G COs). Each company plays an integral role in supporting the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. The 302D BSB is located at Camp Casey-Hovey near the city of Dongduchon, South Korea, approximately 17 miles from the DMZ and North Korea.
3. The Camp Casey-Hovey enclave spans nearly 3500 acres and is occupied by some 6300 military and 2500 civilians. Camp Casey-Hovey is one of several camps north of Seoul authorized Hardship Duty Pay of \$150.00 per month. Family Quarters are not available. All single Soldiers reside in on-post quarters. This is normally a one year unaccompanied tour, however, you will have the opportunity to request for the Assignment Incentive Program (AIP) or apply for Command Sponsorship if you are dual military or married and planning to bring your family. The Command Sponsorship Program would make your tour 24 months. The AIP program will allow you to extend for an additional year. If approved, you can receive up to an additional \$300.00 per month.
4. Command Sponsorship can be initiated and approved prior to your arrival to Korea. It is highly encouraged that Service Members bring their family members to enjoy the amazing Korean culture. However, it is also recommended that family members use deferred travel following Command Sponsorship approval. As previously stated, Command Sponsorship would obligate the Soldier to remain in Korea for a 24 month period. For more information regarding Command Sponsorship please contact your personnel office.
5. Camp Casey and Camp Hovey have many facilities in support of our great Soldiers and their families. These include:
  - a. Community Activities Center, Camp Casey
  - b. Golf course, Bowling Center, Swimming Pool and Camp Hovey Indoor Pool

- c. Outdoor Tennis and basketball Courts
- d. 3 Gymnasiums (Carey, Hanson and Hovey)
- e. 5 Mini Gyms located throughout both posts
- f. Main Post Exchange and Commissary on Camp Casey
- g. Small Post Exchanges located throughout Camp Casey-Hovey
- h. Burger King, Popeye's Chicken, Primo's Bar and Grill
- i. Airline Travel/Ticket Office
- j. Multiple Tailor Shops and Shoppettes
- k. POV Fuel Filling Station
- l. Barber and Beauty Salons
- m. USO and Internet Café
- n. Paint Ball Complex
- o. Artificial Turf Football Field
- p. Remote Control Car Race Track
- q. Skate Board and Bicycle Track
- r. Movie Theaters


6. The United States Forces Korea's designated representative will meet you at the airport. Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, you should be dressed in proper civilian clothing and will process through Korean Immigration and Customs. After processing through immigration, you will then proceed to the baggage claim in the main terminal. After receiving your luggage, proceed towards the customs declaration point and then to the United States Forces Liaison Desk (there will be signs posted in the Airport to guide you) they are located on the right end of the terminal. At this point, you will sign-in at the desk and await transportation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Replacement Company's Joint Reception Center located at Yongsan, Korea.

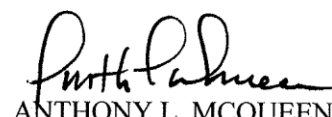
7. Search "302D BSB Iron Horse" on Facebook and be sure to "Like" us. Here are some other websites that will give you more information on what to expect and what Korea and 302D BSB has to offer:

- a. <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil>
- b. [www.mwrkorea.com](http://www.mwrkorea.com)
- c. [www.2id.korea.army.mil](http://www.2id.korea.army.mil)
- d. <http://Redcloud.korea.army.mil>

8. Once again, Welcome to Korea!

9. If you have any questions, you may contact CPT Yong H. Kim, the Battalion Adjutant, at [yong.hoon.kim@korea.army.mil](mailto:yong.hoon.kim@korea.army.mil) or DSN: 315-730-3903.

  
BRIAN C. VENEY  
CSM, USA  
Command Sergeant Major

  
ANTHONY L. MCQUEEN  
LTC, MS  
Commanding

## 302D BSB's Virtual Family Readiness Group Webpage

The 302D BSB's Virtual Family Readiness Group Webpage (vFRG) is your direct connection to Command information for our unit. All of the information in this Welcome Guide can be found on the vFRG webpage. In addition, there is detailed information about the subjects covered in this guide as well as necessary forms, procedures and web links. The vFRG webpage contains information and photos about our unit's training and events, information about local activities, useful documents, and other helpful information designed to make your life as a soldier or Army family member easier. We encourage all members of the 302D BSB family; whether they are here in South Korea, back in the United States or anywhere worldwide to take advantage of this great and growing web site.

### How does a Soldier subscribe to 302D BSB's vFRG webpage?

1. If the Soldier has not registered for the Army FRG site already, go to [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org) and click on "Register" at the top.
2. Scroll down to OCONUS and click on Korea.
3. In the dropdown next to Military Community, Under the "Korea (KORO), **2 ID, 1 BDE, 302D BSB (Country: Korea, UIC:WAJDTO)**
4. In the dropdown of the next page, set the "I am subscribing as a" drop down to "Soldier."
5. Enter the last 4 digits of the SSN, first name, and last name. Note the name must appear exactly as it was entered into the Soldier Database.
6. Fill in the account information for the Army FRG web site.

### How Does a Spouse subscribe to 302D BSB's vFRG webpage?

1. If the Family Member has not registered for the Army FRG site already, go to [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org) and click on "Register" at the top.
2. Scroll down to OCONUS and click on Korea.
3. In the dropdown next to Military Community, Korea(KORO)
4. Click on **2 ID, 1 BDE, 302D BSB (Country: Korea, UIC: WAJDTO)**

5. In the dropdown of the next page, set the "I am subscribing as a" drop down to "Family Member."
6. Enter the Family Member's first and last names and then the Soldier of Interest's first and last names and the last 4 digits of the Soldier's SSN. Note the Family Member's name must appear exactly as it was entered in the invitation list for automatic approval. Also, the Soldier's name must appear exactly as it was entered into the Soldier Database.
7. Fill in the account information for the Army FRG web site.<sup>1</sup>



## 302D BSB Mission

The 302D BSB transitions-to-war; provides Combat Service Support and Force Health Protection to 1HBCT; defends the Brigade Support Area and defeats Level 1 threats. O/O, provides support for Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) in Areas I, II & III in order to evacuate U.S. citizens and other specified evacuees.





## 302D BSB History

The 302nd is a Brigade Support Battalion, consisting of a Headquarters Company, Supply Company, Maintenance Company, Medical Company, and four Forward Support Companies. Each plays an integral role in supporting the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and the 2nd Infantry Division. The 302nd BSB is located at Camp Casey, Korea.

The 302nd Brigade Support Battalion traces its origin directly from the School of Instruction Hospital Corps, Washington Barracks Washington D.C., which was organized in 1894. Since that time it was redesignated and reorganized several times.

In 1904, the school was redesignated as Company A, Hospital Corps. In October 1906, Company A joined the Cuban Expeditionary Brigade as Field hospital #2, and remained in Cuba approximately 2 years. In November 1908, it returned to the United States and was stationed at Fort DA Russail, Wyoming.

In March 1911, the company reorganized and was redesignated, Field Hospital #2, and Ambulance Company. In June 1916, both units were transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas, where they remained until November 1917.

In November 1917, Field Hospital #1 and Ambulance Company #1 sailed from New York on the transport Huron, for France as part of the 2d Sanitary Train. They joined the 2d Infantry Division at Bourmont, France. The exact date The 2d Sanitary Train is not recorded. The first reference is a letter of instruction from the Adjutant General's Office, dated 22 September 1917 which designated certain Ambulance Companies and Field Hospital as components of the 2d Sanitary Train. The headquarters of the 2d Sanitary Train was not organized until August 1918 (France).

The 2d Sanitary Train served with the 2d Infantry Division in France until the Armistice signing on 11 November 1919. During the Army of Occupation they were stationed in Engers, Germany, from 10 December 1918 until 23 April 1919. It returned to the United States 10 August 1919 and proceeded to Camp Travis, Texas, closing all elements 18 August 1919.

On 17 February 1921, the 2d Sanitary Train reorganized into 2d Medical Regiment. It consisted of three Ambulance Companies and three Hospital Companies, a Service Company, Company G and a Veterinary Company.

The 2d medical Regiment was reorganized and designated in 10 October 1939 as the 2d Medical Battalion, in accordance with the triangular organization of the 2nd Infantry Division. It now consisted of a Headquarters Detachment, three Collecting Companies, and one Clearing Company.

The Battalion was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in 1941, when war was declared on Japan, Germany and Italy. The unit received extensive training which terminated at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, on 3 October 1943, when it departed for overseas. I arrived at Belfast Ireland, 17 April 1944. It moved to Camp Penalty, Wales on 19 April 1944, where it was notified that the 2d Infantry Division would participate in landing on the European Continent.

On 7 June 1944 (D plus 1), Companies A and C landed on Omaha Beach, followed by Company B on 9 June and Headquarters Detachment on the 11th. During WWII the battalion actively participated in 24 battles on the continent and is entitled to full honors for five battle campaigns. The end of World War II found the battalion at Pilsen, Czechoslovakia.

The battalion returned to the United States and reassembled at Camp Swift, Texas and then moved to Fort Lewis, Washington in April 1946.



On 14 May 1948, Company B, 2nd Medical Battalion was activated at Fort Richardson, Alaska, to support the Third Task Force. It continued this support both in the field and garrison until disbanded and reorganized 15 October 1948.

On 10 July 1950, the battalion was alerted for immediate shipment to the Far East Command. Platoons of the Ambulance and Clearing Companies were attached to the three Infantry Regiments in the 2d Infantry Division. The battalion participated in the Korean Conflict from 1950 through the early part of 1954.

The battalion returned to the United States on 20 August 1954 and again was stationed at Fort Lewis, WA, until 16 December 1957 when it was transferred, less personnel and equipment, to Department of Army Control pending reorganization.

The battalion was reorganized in June 1958 at Ft. Benning, Georgia, with the transfer of personnel and equipment, from the 10th Infantry Division, which was concurrently deactivated. Since the Battalion's reorganization, the 2d Medical Battalion has provided medical support for the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Benning and since 1965 in Korea.

The 2d Medical Battalion was reorganized as the 302d Forward Support Battalion on 17 October 1989 and supports the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division on Camp Casey. The 302nd FSB now consisted of a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, A Company (Maintenance), B Company ( Supply), and C Company ( Medical). Each Company has it own unique history tied to the now deactivated On 7 November 1991, the 4th Chemical Company was assigned to the 302d Forward Support Battalion.

In December 2004, the battalion began its transformation into a new unit of action. This involved realigning and redistributing resources, changing MTOEs, and forming four new Forward Support Companies. These Forward Support Companies are both located with and attached to their supported maneuver units, ensuring high quality, responsive Combat Service Support enhanced by the familiarity of a long-term relationship.

On 15 April 2005, the battalion was officially redesignated as the 302D Brigade Support Battalion supporting the newly designated 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

## 302D BSB Names & Numbers

### Headquarters

Battalion Commander	730-3979
Command Sergeant Major	730-3981
Battalion XO	730-3977
S1	730-4787
S2	730-6534
S3	730-3986
S4	730-3984
S6	730-3873
Chaplain	730-4655

### Alpha Company

Company Commander	730-4435
1SG	730-4435

### Bravo Company

Company Commander	730-4266
1SG	730-4267

### Charlie Company

Company Commander	730-3968
1SG	730-3532

### HHC

Company Commander	732-6351
1SG	730-6330

## Arrival in Korea

When you arrive at Incheon, you will be met by Army liaisons. They will meet you in the terminal as you exit your plane. The liaison will then take you through Customs and Immigration, baggage claim, and will transport you via military bus to Yongsan Garrison (about a one-hour drive). If you do not see the liaison in the terminal, go ahead through the entire Customs and



Immigration and baggage claim process (have your DA 31 and ID card ready). **MAKE SURE THEY STAMP YOUR PASSPORT WITH AN ENTRY STAMP. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** You should then look for the U.S. Military Liaison Office located near exits E and F. If you don't see anyone, turn right and walk to the end where the 1st Replacement desk is located. Once you arrive on post, you will have a short briefing and will then check into your lodging.

If your sponsor is meeting you, be careful not to follow the military liaisons. They are highly visible and it is easy to get caught up with the flow. Even though they are calling for all military members, you will need to go through the regular lines like any civilian passenger. Once you have completed all the Customs and Immigration formalities, and have retrieved your luggage, go through the nearest exit door to your baggage claim carousel. There are several exits out of the baggage claim area. If someone is meeting you, be sure

you are at the exit door posted for your flight. If you are unsure which exit is correct, go ahead and depart any exit. You should then turn around and look at the monitors located above the exit doors. Your flight number will be posted along with an exit door letter. If you have exited the wrong way, don't worry, you will be able to easily walk to the correct exit. Once you have met your sponsor, they will most likely take you directly to your lodging.

They will also be able to advise you of when and where you need to go for in-processing.

If you need to go to Yongsan on your own, go through any of the exit doors. You can take either a taxi (expensive) or the military bus (free) to Yongsan. If you wish to take the bus, look for signs to the USO desk. If the desk is open, they can tell you when the bus to Yongsan is departing. Since you will be in PCS status, you and your family members will have priority above anyone else wishing to ride the bus (aside from any others in PCS status). Taxis are located just outside the terminal. The AAFES taxis all have English-speaking drivers and are the only ones authorized to come onto post, so it is better to take one of these. AAFES taxis (which are black with gold letters) park to the far right as you exit the airport. The AAFES Taxi Stand is in front of Exit Gate #14 (phone: 02-7913-5550). All AAFES taxis have meters and accept US dollars. If you must take a Korean taxi, be sure to have Korean won. Try to select a cab which has clearly visible identification about both the driver and vehicle. A taxi ride to post will cost you around \$50-\$60. AAFES taxi drivers appreciate and expect a tip whereas the Korean taxi drivers do not expect tips.

U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan offers airport shuttle services throughout the day from Dragon Hill Lodge (<http://www.dragonhilllodge.com>). Please check with the concierge and obtain a copy of the schedule.

All military personnel are required to in-process shortly after arriving in Korea. Your military liaison or sponsor should know exactly when and where you will need to go for in-processing. You will need to in-process at Yongsan Readiness Center, G1 (across the parking lot from the Dragon Hill Lodge). For more information please call DSN: 723-6452.<sup>3</sup>

## Welcome to Korea – Checklist

Here is a great guide for you to use upon the first 30 days of your arrival to Korea. By following this list you can effectively manage your time to maximize community exploration, and in –processing tasks while minimizing walking for you and your children. Be prepared with copies of orders, a Power of Attorney, letters of employment, shot records, identification cards, school records and your passport(s). Bring them with you wherever you go for the first two weeks. Be flexible with your schedule. Be curious with the culture of the Korean people you meet. Understand it is also helpful to call before you go anywhere to verify information and to check hours of operation. Always remember to plan in some “down-time” or relaxation activities for your entire family. Visit 302D BSB’s vFRG webpage for necessary forms, documents and detailed information on the following checklist.

- ☐ Visit **Army Community Service (ACS)**. They are located in the Army Community Service Building (2306). ACS has so much to offer a newcomer to the community. Be sure to pick up your welcome packet full of maps, schedules, and Korean tourism information. Phone #011 82 31 – 730 3107
- ☐ **A3 Visa/SOFA Stamp** – Stop by Army Community Service and sign up on the service log and get the packet of information. ACS will email your appointment date and time. Take your passport, ID card, copy of identification card (front and back), copy of sponsor’s ID card, verification letter, and a copy of orders to building 2306 to receive the Korean Immigration Stamp. Call 011 82 31 – 730 3107 for more information. **Active Duty Family Members, Civilians Employees and their Family Members must have an A3 Visa and SOFA Stamp within 30 days of arrival in country. If you cannot make the ACS coordinated service, let ACS show you other locations to get it done.** Phone #011 82 31 – 730 3107
- ☐ Obtain a **Ration Card** at Maude Hall Building 2440 (need copy of passport(s) for all family members, copy of all ID cards front and back including the service member’s orders) Note: Entry to the PX and Commissary require a ration card. During the first two weeks in country, please carry orders with family members names printed on

them for access to above mentioned purchase points. **Civilian Employees and all Family Members must have identification cards and ration cards to make purchases.** For information, call 011 82 31 – 730 3475/3446.

- ☐ **Enroll in D.B.I.D.S. (Defense Biometric Identification System)** The sponsor must be in the system before Family Members can be enrolled. You must have your identification card with you. You need to be in D.B.I.D.S. before you can register your vehicle or receive your ration control card. **All Family Members must be enrolled in DBIDS.** (Located: Maude Hall Building 2440, Phone: 011 82 31 – 730 3475/3446)
- ☐ **Housing and Furniture** - Command sponsored family members can come to Housing representing the military member within 48 hours of arrival. Family members must have a Power of Attorney. Currently Area II is supporting Area I Command Sponsored families with furniture. Please visit them at USAG Yongsan building S4106-Rm 115, or call DSN 738-4069.
- ☐ **Stop by Transportation** - (Incoming Household Goods) Maude Hall Building 2440, Phone: 011 82 31 – 730 3321. Check on the estimated arrival date of your Hold Baggage, Household Goods and vehicle. Make sure and give them a local contact number so that they may notify you as items arrive.
- ☐ **Driver's License** You will need a stateside driver's license, orders, and identification card. You will need to study USFK PAM 385-2, "Guide to Safe Driving in Korea" before taking the test. Please call 011 82 31 – 730 2275 for times or visit building 2101. Visit the following web address to get USFK PAM 385-2:  
[http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/g1\\_AG/Programs\\_Policy/Publication\\_Records\\_Pub\\_Pamphlets.htm](http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/g1_AG/Programs_Policy/Publication_Records_Pub_Pamphlets.htm)
- ☐ **Vehicle Registration** - Camp Kim Building 1230. Registering your vehicle can be a lengthy and complicated process. Call for detailed instructions before you begin. You must have a Power of Attorney if you're not the Military Member, and you must be registered in D.B.I.D.S. to do this without your sponsor. Registration and permanent plates



require a fee. You must have insurance for coverage in Korea prior to picking your vehicle up and you must have either a USFK driver's license or, if within 30 days of arrival, a valid US driver's license. Understand that your car will have only a small amount of gasoline, so plan on a trip to the gas station. Camp Kim is located near USAG Yongsan. Registration is also done at Camp Casey's Maude Hall for Area I Soldiers and Family Members.

- ☐ **NEO (Noncombatant Evacuation Operation) Briefing and Packet.** Go through your sponsor's unit. Active duty family members, civilian employees and all family members must have a NEO packet and be ready for an evacuation.
- ☐ Drop off Dental Records at the **Dental Clinic** for Active Duty Personnel building 808, near the TMC, call 011 82 31 – 730 6753. For more information regarding Command Sponsored and Non- Command Sponsored family members visit the following web address:  
<http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com/tdpforms/Pacific.pdf>
- ☐ **School Registration** – For Command Sponsored and Non-Command Sponsored families please visit the web site below for information on how to enroll, the registration process, required documents and the Non-DoD School Program available near Camp Casey.  
<http://www.pac.dodea.edu/supportservices/Fiscal/index.htm>
- ☐ Drop off your pet records at the **Vet Clinic** – Located on Camp Red Cloud, building 437. Call DSN 732-7434 for an appointment. Make sure you register any pets you might have and get them micro-chipped!
- ☐ **Newcomer's Briefing.** This briefing is geared to the Soldier, but spouses are welcome to attend as well. For more information contact the Camp Casey Community Activities Center (CAC) at 011 82 31 – 730 4853/4601, Bldg # 2475.
- ☐ **Spouse's Orientation Seminar (SOS)** – This seminar is MANDATORY in order to get your permanent Rations Control Card. Please RSVP at Camp Casey ACS, Building 2306, Phone #011 82 31 – 730 3107.

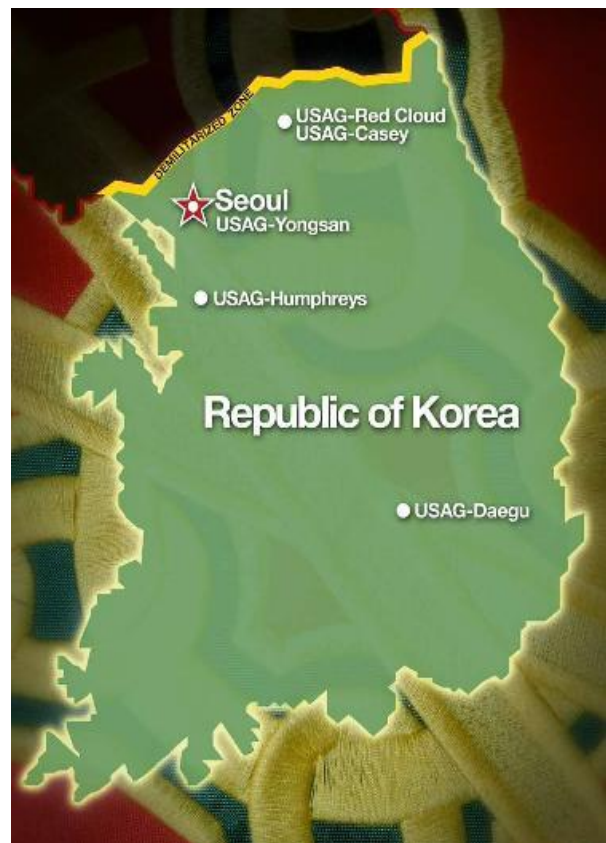
- ❑ **In Processing Orientation Program** – This program is a wealth of information that makes living in Korea a little bit easier. This program is highly recommended for families. For more information or to find out when the next In Processing Orientation Program is being held, visit the Camp Casey ACS building 2306 or call 011 82 31 – 730 3107.3

## Welcome to Camp Casey

Camp Casey is located in Dongducheon, South Korea approximately 40 miles North of Seoul. Camp Casey spans nearly 3500 acres and is occupied by some 6300 military and 2500 civilians. Its primary mission is to act in concert with the Republic of Korea to deter aggression, and, should deterrence fail, to defend the Republic of Korea (ROK).

Camp Casey is located within a valley, 11 miles (20 km) south of the Demilitarized Zone in the village of Dongducheon. Camp Casey is at the edge of Soyo Mountain, also known as Gyeonggi's "Little Kumkang Mountain." It is the first gateway to the northern countries. It is also developing into the most important city in northern Gyeonggi.

Dongducheon city population status was over 70,000 citizens. Its climate features included, on average, summers between 80° and 90° F, winters between -5° and 30° F, and 40"-48" of rain during a rainy season between July and August.



Camp Casey was named and officially dedicated in 1952 in memory of Major Hugh B. Casey, who died in a plane crash in December 1951. Casey arrived in Korea in 1950, a Second Lieutenant, and served as a company commander in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, and 3rd Infantry Division. He

received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor, for heroism at the Hungnam beachhead. According to Lt. Colonel Roy E. Lewis, then executive officer of the 7th Infantry Division Support Command, Casey was ordered to have his company in a blocking position west of Hungnam by sunrise the next morning. He had to cross a mountain pass with 2 to 3 feet of snow on it.

Force marching his men, he had them only halfway to the objective by sunrise. He pressed forward, refusing to give up despite the fatigue and hopelessness of the mission. He did not stop marching until ordered to. To Lewis, this was what made Casey an extraordinary soldier. "He gave little thought to himself," Lewis said. Later, while serving as senior aide to Maj. Gen. Williston B. Palmer, then Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division, Casey's light observation plane was hit by ground fire. The plane crashed just west of what would become the 2nd Infantry Division headquarters. A white wooden cross was erected to mark the spot. This was replaced in 1960 by a white concrete cross. "Lest we forget," the cross and camp now mark the memory of a brave man.<sup>4</sup>

## **Non-Command Sponsored Tours**

If you are not listed on your sponsor's orders to Korea, you are non-command sponsored.

If you decide to join your sponsor on an unaccompanied tour, there are some things you will need to consider.

Non-command sponsored family members pay for their own transportation to and from Korea, and will have to live on the economy. Upon command approval, you may be authorized OHA (Overseas Housing Allowance).

Non-command sponsored family members (ID card holders registered in DEERS) are eligible for medical and dental services (TRICARE Standard only), a ration control card, and all on-post services. Upon arrival in Korea, you must change your TRICARE status to Standard.

In regards to NEO, non-command sponsored family members' travel costs to a safe haven are paid for, but travel to

One difficulty for non-command sponsored families involves the schools. Non-command sponsored dependents may attend a DoD school (i.e.: Yongsan's Seoul American Elementary, Middle, and High Schools); however this is strictly on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis. Attendance priority is based not only on sponsorship status, but the service member's arrival date in Korea. All other school registration guidelines apply to non-command sponsored families. Non-command sponsored dependents will also not receive full-tuition assistance for attending non-DoD schools.

Another difficulty is that there is no additional weight allowance, ration allowance, or housing allowance for non-command sponsored families. You are also restricted from shipping a POV, but may acquire a Korean driver's license. Non-command sponsored service members E-6 and below may be granted an exception to policy to own and register a POV with USFK by the first O-6 in their chain of command and the responsible O-6 Area Commander. Service members E-7 and above may own and register a POV with USFK.

Click here for the Policy Letter:

<http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/Uploads/140/POVSecondInterimPolicy090130.pdf>

In spite of this, you may apply for command sponsorship at any time, although there is a required additional two year tour from the time it is approved.<sup>5</sup>

## **Command Sponsored Tours**

If you are listed on your sponsor's orders to Korea, you are command sponsored.

Command sponsored family members have their transportation to and from Korea paid for by the Army. You are authorized OHA (Overseas Housing Allowance) to live off-post since there is no on-post housing on Camp Casey. You also receive 50% weight allowance for household goods, to and from Korea, and are allowed to ship a POV. All eligible drivers have the ability to acquire a Korean driver's license.

Command sponsored family members (ID card holders registered in DEERS) are eligible for medical and dental services (TRICARE Prime), a ration control card, and all on-post services.<sup>6</sup>

Click here for Sharp Point #15-09:

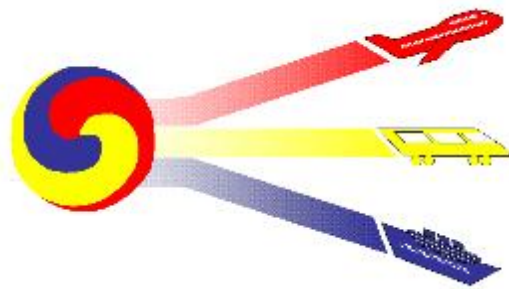
<http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/Uploads/100/SharpPoint15-09-USFKSponsorTalkingPoints.pdf>

## Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO)

While Korea is a relatively safe location, it is Forward Deployed, and it is important that all

“noncombatants” be prepared to evacuate both quickly and safely. Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) are operations directed by the U.S. Department of State to evacuate eligible personnel from foreign countries where their lives are endangered by war, natural disaster, or civil unrest to safe havens or to the U.S.. People considered noncombatants are family members of U.S. DOD military and civilian employees, non-emergency essential U.S. civilian employees, and DOD invited contractors and their families. Both command-sponsored and non-command sponsored families are eligible for evacuation assistance from Korea.

Military members and emergency civilian employees are NOT considered noncombatants and will remain in Korea until directed otherwise. All DOD affiliated noncombatants must register for NEO with their NEO Wardens. To help noncombatants prepare for a possible evacuation, U.S. Forces Korea conducts a semi-annual Courageous Channel order to rehearse evacuation procedures and to train personnel who support NEO execution. In addition to participating in Courageous Channel, each family is required to maintain a NEO kit to include: **important documents, enough food and water for three days, and protective gas masks (issued by the military).**



For those with pets, USFK will make reasonable efforts to get them to a safe haven in an evacuation. However, people will always take priority over pets, and they are likely to be separated from their families in an evacuation.

If the family decides to transport their pets out of country commercially, all costs associated are the sole responsibility of that family. The military covers only the cost of transporting a pet on a military or chartered aircraft from Korea to the first CONUS port of entry. The family will then be responsible for all costs incurred from that site to the family's final destination. Those families unable to evacuate their pets should discuss their options with a veterinarian.<sup>7</sup>

## **SOFA Stamps**

### **SOFA Status**

Active duty military, DoD Civilians, Invited Contractors and their dependents receive a special status under the Status of Forces Agreement between the United States and the Republic of Korea. The agreement is what makes it possible to import duty free goods, purchase tax free goods from the commissaries and exchanges, as well as protecting our rights under the US Constitution, among other things. The Status of Forces Agreement determines your legal status as a member of the US armed forces in Korea. It is a binding agreement formally negotiated between the governments of the United States and the Republic of Korea. You should be very familiar with the provisions of SOFA. You must carry with you at all times the 'SOFA Card' you receive during your in-processing. It contains emergency telephone numbers in case you become involved in an incident.

### **SOFA Stamp**

A SOFA stamp will be issued by the Korean Government to dependents after they have arrived in the Republic of Korea. After arrival the Sofa VISA must be applied for, before they entry VISA expires. Contact ACS to find out how to receive your SOFA Stamp at DSN: 730-3107. In cases of violation or the accusation of a violation of Republic of Korea law, such as traffic accidents, it helps to have SOFA status. This may even make it possible to avoid



confinement in a local jail while your situation is being sorted out. When you leave the Republic of Korea, you will not be found in violation of the normal tourist restrictions on length of stay. It is possible to be fined or delayed upon departure for not complying with the law. If it is necessary to evacuate non-combatants your legal status will be established and your evacuation expedited.<sup>8</sup>

## **Details, Details, Details**

### **POVs and USFK Driver's Licenses**

All service members are eligible to apply for a USFK Driver's License. Non-command sponsored service members E-6 and below may be granted an exception to policy to own and register a POV with USFK by the first O6 in their chain of command and the responsible O-6 Area Commander. Service members E-7 and above and all command sponsored personnel may own and register a POV with USFK. All service members must watch the instructional videos, "Drive to Survive" and "Winter Driving" before obtaining a USFK Driver's License. You also must study, understand, and successfully complete test questions pertaining to Korean motor vehicle liability law before obtaining a USFK Driver's License.

### **Housing**

There is no On-Post housing on Camp Casey but finding an apartment close by is relatively easy. Some spouses come here directly with their Soldier. This sometimes works, but is a risk. It is less risky for the Soldier to find housing first before the spouse and family arrives in Korea.

Most apartments do not have air conditioning, so you might want to either buy one when you get here, or negotiate one in the lease. Korean summers are hot and humid.



Housing assistance office on Camp Casey can be reached at DSN: 730-4709. The Housing Office will have a list of approved realtors in the area and will be able to assist you in finding the right apartment at the right price.<sup>9</sup>

## **Rent and Utilities**

Rent in Korea varies in price depending on the area and type of housing available. You will also have to pay for water, electricity, kerosene, oil, or gas (used for heat, hot water and/or cooking in many places) with a \$200-\$300 deposit. Utilities can double in price during the winter months. Going outside of the “approved” realtors, many apartments will require a large “key deposit,” which is typically refunded when you leave. Key deposits can range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars. If you the key deposit is large, usually rent is low. Often you can negotiate with the landlord to pay a reduced and sometimes no key deposit.

## **Casey Lodge**

Available for use by Active Duty, retirees, dependents, DoD Civilians and all personnel with Official US Government Orders to USFK. All must present either DD Form 1173 or DD Form 2 and Official Travel Orders. The Casey Lodge operates at a 90% average throughout the year, so it is wise to reserve well ahead of time. For reservations and prices call DSN: 730-4247

## **Converting Power**

Apartments off post require converters to change between the Korean 220 volts to the American 110 volts. Generally, you will need large converters for most appliances. The small voltage converter kits sold in luggage stores and Wal-Mart type stores will only work with small appliances. The large converters can be purchased from the PX Shopette, other Soldiers, or on the Korean economy, and cost roughly \$40 new. In some cases converters can be negotiated in the rental lease. Army Community Service will also have converters in the Lending Closet that can be borrowed for a short amount of time.

## **Trash Collection**

The Republic of Korea has established laws about trash collection and disposal, designed to promote recycling and protect the environment. You must purchase Dongducheon City plastic garbage bags to dispose of your garbage and food waste. They can be purchased at the Commissary and Korean convenience stores. Recyclable paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum can be separated and put into any unlabeled plastic bag. There is a fine for ignoring the law and can be quite expensive. The fine can be up to the equivalent of \$1000. It is important that you follow these rules to show us as dignified guests of this host nation.

## **Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS)**

DBIDS is required by all personnel who wish to access Army Garrisons in Korea. DBIDS is a networked database system designed to easily identify personnel and allow or deny access to USFK installations.

## **Ration Control**

For the past 30 years there have been restrictions placed on the amount and types of items purchased by US Forces serving in Korea. The purpose of rations control is to regulate shelf stocks in commissaries and exchanges so that all customers have a chance to buy popular items. It is also a way the US Forces Korea honors its commitment, under the Status of Forces Agreement, to limit duty-free goods imported into Korea via military channels. Camp Casey Ration Control Office can be reached at DSN: 730-3475.

## **Medical/Dental Info**

Medical and dental services in Korea are available to dependents on a space available basis. For more information please call the Camp Casey TMC at DSN: 730-2326, Camp Casey Dental Clinic at DSN: 730-6753 or Yongsan Hospital at DSN: 737-3085.

## TRICARE in Korea

Active duty family members must be authorized on the service member's orders (i.e. Command Sponsored) in order to be eligible for TRICARE Prime. Family members not authorized by orders to accompany the service member in Korea (i.e. Non-Command Sponsored (NCS) must use TRICARE Standard and receive care in Military Treatment Facilities on a space available basis. NCS family members will also be responsible for a portion of the cost incurred when receiving care in civilian facilities, and they will have to pay these expenses up front. Active Duty members with families must attach a copy of their orders with the TRICARE enrollment forms in order to enroll their family members in TRICARE Prime Korea. Those families who are NCS do not have to fill out a form because TRICARE Standard does not require an enrollment. For more information please visit the TRICARE website at: <http://www.tricare.mil/>. For information about TRICARE Dental and the differences between CS and NCS please visit the TRICARE Dental website at: <http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com/>.

## Korean 101

### Korean Alphabet (Han gul) 한글

#### 14 consonants

ㄱ = G

ㄴ = N

ㄷ = D

ㄹ = L, R

ㅁ = M

ㅂ = B, V

ㅅ = S

ㅇ = NG, O

ㅈ = J

ㅊ = CH

ㅋ = K, C

ㅌ = T

ㅍ = P, F

ㅎ = H

#### 10 vowels

ㅏ = A, O

ex.:

가(G+A), 나(N+A), 다(D+A),

라(R+A), 마(M+A), 바(B+A)...

ㅑ = Ya

ㅓ = Eo, Au

여 = Yeo

오 = Ou

요 = Yo

우 = Woo

유 = You

으 = Eu

이 = Ee, I

### Combination of vowels

애 , 애, 예 = Ae

예 = Ye

외 = Oi

의 = Ei

와 = Wa

워 = Wo

요 = Yo

### Consonant comes first:

Ex.1) U.S.A: 미국 = M+Ee,  
G+Woo+G

Ex.2) Korea: 대한민국 = D+Aa,  
H+A+N, M+Ee+N, G+Woo+G

Ex.3) U.S military post: 미군부대 =  
Mee, Gwoon, Bwoo, Dae

Ex.4) American: 미국인 = Mee,  
Gwoog, In

Once you memorize Korean Alphabet, you can read words even though don't know the meanings. It'll be very helpful for your tour in Korea.

### Useful Phrases

1. Thanks: 고마와요 (Go Ma Wa Yo)
2. Hello : 안녕하세요~ (Ahn Nyeong Ha Se Yo)
3. Sorry: 미안해요 (Mee Ahn Ha Ee Yo)
4. Excuse me: 실례해요 (Seel Yeh Hay Yo)
5. Glad to meet you: 반가와요 (Ban Ga Wa Yo)
6. I am (name): 저는 (name) 이에요. Joe Noon (name) Ee Ye Yo.
7. What's your name? : 이름이 무엇이에요? (Ee Rum Ee Moo Ee Oh She Ye Yo?)
8. How old are you? : 몇살 이에요? (Myet Sahl Ee Ye Yo?)
9. Is it OK? / It's OK: 괜찮아요? (Gwan Chan Ay Yo?) 괜찮아요.
10. I like, or it's good: 좋아요. (Jo Ay Yo).

## Shopping

1. How much? : 얼마예요? (Ee Ool Ma Ye Yo?)
2. Discount please: 싸게 해 주세요. ( Sa Gay Hay Joo Se Yo)
3. I'll take this : 이걸로 주세요.( Ee Ghee Ool Lo Joo Se Yo)

## At the Restaurant

1. Please give me (food name): Food name 주세요. (Joo Se yo)  
Water 물(Mool) 주세요.  
Beer 맥주 (Mak Joo) 주세요.
2. Give me one more please: Food name 하나 더 주세요. (Ha Na Deo JooSeYo).
3. It's delicious: 맛있어요. (Ma Sheet Se Oh Yo)
4. Its spicy (hot): 매워요. (May Wo Yo)
5. Where is the bathroom? : 화장실 어디예요? (Hwa Jang Sheel Ayo DeeYeYo)

## Common Korean Dishes

1. 갈비 (Gal Bee): beef or pork. Onion, Garlic, soy sauce, sesame oil, and sugar or honey. Marinated meat cooked on table BBQ. One of the most popular Korean foods for American and Korean.
2. 삼겹살 (Sam Gyebe Sal): Korean style bacon, untreated.
3. 비빔밥(BeeBeemBob): Assorted sautéed vegetables with Hot paste and sesame oil. Mix with bowl of rice.
4. 된장찌개(Do In Jang Jee Gay): Stew with bean paste sauce and tofu. Clam broth and zucchini and onion. A bowl of rice comes with.
5. 잡채(Jab Chay): Stir fry with assorted vegetable and sweet potato noodles with soy sauce and sesame oil.
6. 만두 (Man Doo): mixing tofu and vegetables wrapped with thin flour paper and then steam cooked or fried.
7. 떡 (Dohk) : Rice cake. Some are mix with herbs. Oval shape one with brown sugar and sesame seed specially called 송편 (Song Pyen)
8. 순대 (Soon Day): Korean style Sausage. Pork intestine stuffed with sweet potato noodle, ginger, garlic and green onion, steamed cook.
9. 소주 (So Joo): Tradition Korean alcohol. Around 20% of alcohol contained clear drink. Mix with pineapple juice to make smooth.



10. 막걸리(Mak Geol Lee): Cloudy rice wine. Very traditional Korean alcohol.
11. 자장면 (Ja Jang Meyon): China style noodle. Assorted vegetable with black bean paste sauce with thick noodle. It's very yummy, and inexpensive. Also home delivery is more common.
12. 삼계탕 (Sam Gey Tang): Chicken stew with Ginseng. Stuff the Cornish chicken tummy with ginseng, dates, sweet rice, garlic, onion, and pine nuts. It's very popular during hot summer season for energizing your body.

### **Taking a Taxi**

1. I'd like to go to (place) please: [Place] 가 주세요. [Place] Ga Joo Se Yo.
2. Stop here please: 여기 세워 주세요. (Ye Kee Say Wo Joo Se Yo)
3. Keep the change: 잔돈은 가지세요. (Jan Don Eun Gah Jee Se Yo)

### **Useful Words**

1. Yes: 네,or 예 (Nay, Yay)
2. No: 아녜요. (Ah Nee Yo)
3. Pretty: 예뻐요 (Ye Beo Yo)
4. Cute: 귀여워요 (Gwee Yeo Wo Yo)
5. Good: 좋아요 (Jo Ay Yo)
6. Bad: 나빠요 (Na Bah Yo)
7. Married (old) man: 아저씨 (Ah Dah Shee)
8. Sister (older): 언니 (On Nee) \*If you need to call a woman, use this word even though she is not your sister. It's a very general word regardless of the woman's age.

## **Korean style Etiquette**

### **Don't:**

1. Don't point the index finger toward a person close to his face. It's considered insulting.
2. Don't look into an acquaintance's eyes too long. It's generally considered invasive.
3. Don't open gifts in front of the gift giver until you have permission to do so.
4. Don't start eating before your guest of honor or senior.
5. Don't touch someone above shoulders.( face, head)
6. Don't eat or drink without offering your food to your colleagues.
7. Don't pour your own alcoholic beverage – pour for someone and let him reciprocate.
8. Don't go Dutch. Just remember when it is your turn to pay.
9. Don't write someone's name with red ink pen. It's only for dead person's name.

### **Do:**

1. Take your shoes off when entering a Korean house or restaurant with low tables.
2. Bring a gift when you are invited to someone's house for the first time. Common gifts are detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, or juice, wine fruits. Bringing bubbles means that you hope the homeowner become flourish and grow well.
3. Use right hand to performing tasks such as pouring a drink (inward).
4. Karaoke is very popular in Korea. Sing one of your favorite songs when asked.
5. Ask your Korean guest more than once to help himself for more food and drink. Koreans usually say "No thanks", but it's just being polite.
6. "Yes" is often used simply to acknowledge what is said by one's counterpart; it doesn't necessarily mean one is in agreement of understanding.
7. You may see two male friends or two female friends walking holding hands or affectionately arm-in-arm. This is no way an indication of their sexual preference.

## Phone Dialing

- To dial a Korean Cell Phone from the US:
  - Dial **011-82-**. Take away the **0** from the cell phone service provider number and dial the number.
  - Example: If the Korean cell phone number is **011-9999-1234**, you would dial: **011-82-11-9999-1234**.
- To dial a DSN from a commercial US phone:
  - Dial **011-82-505-** then the whole DSN number.
  - Example: If the DSN number is **723-8466**, you would dial: **011-82-505-723-8466**.
- To dial from Korea, commercial to DSN:
  - Dial **0505-** then the whole DSN number.
  - Example: If the DSN number is **723-8466**, you would dial **0505-723-8466**.
- To dial from Korean DSN to a Korean commercial phone:
  - Dial **99-** then the number.
  - Example: If the Korean phone number is **555-1234**, you would dial **99-555-1234**.

## References

1. *FAQ*. (n.d.). Retrieved 2009, from Army FRG:  
<http://www.armyfrg.org/skins/frg/display.aspx?moduleid=9eed30c4-706f-4895-8532-14bac5c094ec&mode=user>

2. *1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade support.* (n.d.). Retrieved 2009, from 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division: <http://www-2id.korea.army.mil/organization/units/1hbct/1-5fa/>
3. *The Seoul Survivor.* (n.d.). Retrieved 2009, from American Forces' Spouses' Club: [http://www.afsckorea.org/news/seoul\\_survivor\\_2008\\_2009\\_final.pdf](http://www.afsckorea.org/news/seoul_survivor_2008_2009_final.pdf)
4. *Global Security.* (n.d.). Retrieved 2009, from Camp Casey: <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/camp-casey.htm>
5. *Press Releases.* (n.d.). Retrieved 2009, from USFK: <http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/ShowArticle.aspx?ID=77>
6. *Command Sponsorship Program.* (n.d.). Retrieved from 8th US Army: <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/G1/CSP/CSP%20Info.htm>
7. *Noncombatant Evacuation Operations Eighth United States Army.* (n.d.) Retrieved from 8<sup>th</sup> US Army: <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/courageouschannel/Neo.asp>
8. *SOFA DOCUMENTS.* (n.d.) Retrieved from USFK: <http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/sofadocuments.aspx>
9. *Welcome to Julie's Realty Uijeongbu/Dongducheon.* (n.d) Retrieved from Julie's Realty: <http://www.juliesrealty.com/index.htm>